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## It's a Crime

## Vocabulary

All the words in this lesson may be used in the field of law.

**abrogate** (AB ruh GAYT) V. to do away with; to abolish *(The governments of both countries voted to abrogate the trade agreement.)*

**accomplice** (uh KAHM plis) N. person who helps another in committing a crime *(The police felt the burglar must have had an accomplice.)*

**acquit** (uh KWIT) V. to declare a person not guilty after considering the evidence *(The jury is sure to acquit you with Perry Mason as your lawyer.)*

**alias** (AY lee uhs) N. assumed name used to hide a person's real identity *(The forger had used at least one alias during his life of crime.)*

**client** (KLY uhnt) N. person or organization for whom a lawyer or other professional acts *(After hearing my story, the lawyer agreed to take me on as a client.)*

**confront** (kuhn FRUHNT) V. to meet face-to-face *(During the trial, my attorney will confront the accused with evidence I have furnished.)*

**conspiracy** (kuhn SPEER uh see) N. a plot to do something unlawful or wrong *(All three defendants were found guilty of conspiracy to cheat the company.)*

**convoke** (kuhn VOHK) V. to call together; to summon to a meeting *(The judge plans to convoke a meeting of all the trial lawyers in his chambers tomorrow morning.)*

**counsel** (KOWN suhl) N. advice or guidance especially as sought from a knowledgeable person *(During your trial, you would do well to heed your lawyer's counsel.)*

**culprit** (KUHL prit) N. offender; person accused of or guilty of a crime *(The police apprehended the culprit as he tried to escape in a stolen car.)*

**dupe** (doop) N. person easily deceived; one who has been cheated or tricked *(The defense lawyer maintained that his client was an innocent dupe.)*

**enact** (en AKT) V. to make into law *(Only the legislature can enact new laws.)*

**illegitimate** (IL i JIT uh mit) ADJ. not according to the law; unlawful *(Blackmailers obtain money through illegitimate means.)*

**incriminate** (in KRIM uh NAYT) V. to charge with or show involvement in a crime *(The lawyer advised his client not to say anything that might incriminate her.)*

**infraction** (in FRAK shuhn) N. violation; the act of breaking the law *(The courts cannot allow such an infraction of our laws to go unpunished.)*

**obstruct** (uhb STRUHKT) V. to hinder; to impede; to block the course of *(If you withhold evidence, you can be charged with trying to obstruct justice.)*

**preliminary** (pri LIM uh NER ee) ADJ. preparatory; coming before the main business *(At the preliminary hearing, the judge will decide if there is enough evidence for a trial.)*

**provision** (pruh VIZH uhn) N. a stipulation or condition *(Aunt Vera left me all her money, with the provision that a portion be spent on education.)*

**refute** (ri FYOOT) V. to disprove; to show that a claim or argument is false *(The lawyer planned to refute the charge of larceny with which his client was charged.)*

**repeal** (ri PEEL) V. to do away with; to annul; to withdraw *(Congress voted to repeal Prohibition in 1933.)*